

# St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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**'Strive to succeed in the presence of God'**

**TOGETHER** as a Catholic community **EVERYONE** – children, staff, parents, carers and parish – **ACHIEVES** in their own unique way and tries to be **MORE** like Jesus.

## ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mr Ross reminded the children that May is the Month of

Mary, the Mother of God.

We honour Mary by saying a Decade of the Rosary outside school each morning and encourage the children to attend. On Tuesday, Ms Cibas supported some children in Year 4 to present a live debate for the rest of the Juniors to watch. The motion was "Children should only get pocket money if they do chores". Olivia G was Chair and Amelie was time keeper. Speaking for the proposition was Sol, Niamh and James. Speaking for the opposition was Eimear, Lucy and Gracie. The arguments for both sides were well presented and we

were all impressed with how articulately they spoke. The judge decided that it was not necessary for children to do chores to get their pocket money (Mrs Baptiste happens to disagree!)

On Wednesday, Miss Smith spoke to the Infants about sharing and being a good friend, through the story 'The Rainbow Fish'.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, 3Y's was all about 'Amazing Africa'. They taught us many amazing facts about the continent and wowed us with their singing and acting. Well done 3Y!!

## BUILDING FUND

Out of a possible £13,500 we have, so far, received £11,969. Once again, many thanks to those who have paid their contribution. Please, please, please continue to make a contribution, if you have not already done so, it would be great if we could reach our target!!

## EMS MUSIC LESSONS

Please make sure you read the letter from Ms Phillips regarding music tuition. You will not receive any lessons in September if you have not confirmed and at least part-paid for lessons by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## MATHS DAY

**Just a reminder that Maths Day will take place on the 20th May.**

**We are looking forward to seeing as many maths themed costumes as possible!**

## HappySchoolBags

**If you are sorting out clothes, bed linen, soft toys or shoes over the half term, please bring them to school on 6<sup>th</sup> June to be recycled.**

**So far, this academic year the collections have raised £2,270.52 for the Friends!!!!**

## Walk to School Week

Next week is National Walk to School Week, let us join the thousands of schools taking part and feel the benefits of walking. The initiative, helping to get more pupils active and reducing congestion and pollution is a no brainer!

## YEAR 6 & SATs

**Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week. They had a well-earned trip to the cinema and McDonalds today!**

## Cubs' Fundraising

Please support St Monica's Cubs to help them achieve their community award badge. Last week some of the Year 5 boys had a cake sale and next week there will be another cake sale and raffle on Thursday to raise funds for Dementia UK. Another group of boys will have a sweet sale and guess the number of sweets on Monday & Tuesday to raise funds for Raphael House, Barnet (a children's counselling charity).

## Diary Dates

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Maths Day, please dress in a maths themed costume (do not go to any expense, a plain t-shirt with maths equations, symbols etc. is just as effective)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park, refer to letter
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Junior Rejoice Prayer Service at 9.15am, Year 3 parents are invited
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 Parents' Meeting at 7pm
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 4 Gaelic Football Tournament at Greenford, refer to letter
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Infant Rejoice Assembly at 9.15am, Reception parents are invited
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 5Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 5Y parents are invited
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Photographer in school for class and group photographs

## SCHOOL DINNERS

The amount due for school dinners for the next half term is as follows:  
3rd June – 19<sup>th</sup> July £88.20

Please remember dinner money is payable in advance and that there should always be sufficient credit on dinner accounts to cover meals.

## PRAYER

May God give you ...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.



*Have a lovely weekend!*